

17477. PHYSALIS FRANCHETI.**Ground cherry.**

From Samarkand, Turkestan. Received through Mr. Frank Benton, February 9, 1906.

"(No. 25.) Similar to, if not identical with, No. 18 (S. P. I. 15931) from Caucasus. Pods same color, bright crimson, but longer and more pointed. Fruit seems better in quality and is sold in native bazaars. No. 18 is also eaten sometimes, but is more acid than No. 25." (*Benton.*)

17478. CUCUMIS MELO.**Winter muskmelon.**

From Erivan, southern Caucasus, Russia. Received through Mr. Frank Benton, January 26, 1906.

"(No. 20.) Locally known as *Dutma*. Medium-sized yellow melon with light green flesh. Good quality. Keeps into the winter if hung up in a cool room. A gardener in Erivan states that it is their practice to cover the fruits, when partly grown, with earth, which is left until autumn." (*Benton.*)

17479. ELAEAGNUS sp.**Oleaster.**

From Wagarschapat, southern Caucasus, Russia. Received through Mr. Frank Benton, January 26, 1906.

"(No. 21.) Seeds of an edible fruit known in Armenian as '*Pschad*,' which grows on a good-sized tree. The flesh of the fruit is dry and mealy, tastes something like that of a banana, but is more acid. Much sought after by children. Probably an *Elaeagnus*. Collected in October, 1905." (*Benton.*)

17480. CUCUMIS MELO.**Winter muskmelon.**

From Old Samarkand, Turkestan. Received through Mr. Frank Benton, January 22, 1906.

"(No. 22.) Seed of a winter muskmelon purchased in Sart Bazaar at Old Samarkand, Turkestan, in December, 1905. Rather small, oval, yellow melon with dark bronze shading. Flesh light green or yellowish-green. Quality medium. Keeps until midwinter if hung up in a cool room. Ripens when brought into a warm room." (*Benton.*)

17481. CUCUMIS MELO.**Winter muskmelon.**

From Samarkand, Turkestan. Received through Mr. Frank Benton, January 26, 1906.

"(No. 23.) Seed of a winter muskmelon purchased in Samarkand in December, 1905. Large, oblong, yellow melon, with thick, light green flesh, fair quality; weight about 10 pounds. Keeps until midwinter if hung in a cool room. Some bronze shading on outside; may be only a large specimen of No. 22 (S. P. I. No. 17480)." (*Benton.*)

17482. CUCUMIS MELO.**Winter muskmelon.**

From Samarkand, Turkestan. Received through Mr. Frank Benton, January 26, 1906.

"(No. 24.) Rather large, slightly oval in form, yellow outside with heavy bronze shading; flesh light green, good quality. May be only a better specimen of Nos. 22 and 23 (S. P. I. Nos. 17480 and 17481)." (*Benton.*)

17483 to 17487.

From Hamilton, Canada. Received through John A. Bruce & Co., February 12, 1906.

17483. PISUM ARVENSE.**Field pea.**

Golden Vine.

17484. LATHYRUS SATIVUS.**Bitter vetch.**

Crass Pea.